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a control and operating device executing a user interface to control and operate the service;

wherein the control and operating device is assigned to the user-side terminal and the at least one network server transmits the user interface program to the control and operating device before the service is used.

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8. (Amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the control and operating device includes a JAVA execution-time environment.

Please add without prejudice new claims 13 to 20 as follows:

13. (New) The apparatus as recited in claim 8 wherein the user-side terminal includes a JAVA execution-time environment.

14. (New) The method as recited in claim 10 wherein:

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the at least one user interface program is transmittable as a JAVA applet;

the service includes processing speech into text, the speech being input using the user-side control and operating device or terminal; and
the user-side control and operating device or terminal is operable to display the text.

15. (New) An apparatus for using a service in a telecommunications network, the apparatus comprising:

means for providing at least one user-interface providing an operating functionality;
means for serving a network and for storing at least one user-interface;
means for requesting transmission of the at least one user-interface to the means for requesting, before the service is used; and
means for executing the at least one user interface so that the service is controllable and operable by the user through the at least one user interface.

16. (New) The apparatus as recited in claim 15 wherein the service includes processing speech into text, and the means for providing at least one user-interface is operable for inputting the speech and for displaying the text.

17. (New) The apparatus as recited in claim 16 wherein the at least one user interface is transmittable as a JAVA applet.

18. (New) The apparatus as recited in claim 2, further comprising an ISDN line connectable to the at least one network server, a first channel of the ISDN line being assignable to the user-side terminal and a second channel of the ISDN line being assignable to the control and operating device; wherein the service includes a speech recognition system.

19. (New) The apparatus as recited in claim 18 wherein the telephone includes a microphone for inputting speech, and the control and operating device includes a computer and is operable to display text.

20. (New) The device as recited in claim 19 wherein the control and operating device includes a JAVA processor and a JAVA execution-time environment.

REMARKS

Claims 13 to 21 have been added, and therefore claims 1 to 21 are now pending.

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of this response.

With respect to paragraphs one (1) and two (2) of the Office Action, Applicant thanks the Examiner for approving the drawings filed on October 20, 2000, and Applicant will file formal drawings after the present application has been allowed.

With respect to paragraphs three (3) and four (4), claims 1 to 9 were rejected as indefinite under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 because of the phrase "the device". Claim 1 has been amended to recite --the apparatus-- instead of "the device" so that claim 1 is